Production Capacity of Off-Shore West-Coast Field

6779. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the production capacity of off-shore west coast field,

(b) the cost incurred for establishing the potential and cost of development of each field including trans-potation etc. upto land fall point; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). Production from the western offshore fields during the last 3 years has been as follows:

Year	*Oil Production (Million Tonnes)*
1989-90	22.32
1990-91	21.21
1991-92 (provisional)	18.96

Total investment in these fields has been Rs. 12085.5 crores upto 31.3.1991.

Development of Cashew Plantation

6780. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank team visited Andhra Pradesh to assess the potential available in the State for further development of cashew plantations;

(b) if so, the details of areas identified; and

(c) the response of the World Bank in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Wastage of Petroleum Products

6782. SHRI SMRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 25 percent of the petroleum products are being wasted;

(b) if so, the whether any strategy to harness the petroleum resources to the optimum and to give a thrust to the entire field of oil conservation has been or is being worked out; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Some Working Groups have estimated the potential of conservation of energy including petroleum products to be 20% to 30% in the major sectors.

(b) and (c). Various measures under implementation to promote conservation of petroleum products include mass awareness campaigns, imparting of education and training to the target group of oil users, promoting use of fuel-efficient devices/equipment and upgraded lubricants, initiating action in the newly identified areas, encouraging use of alternative fuels and reducing wastages as well as wasteful use of petro-

leum products. Increasing the effectiveness of these measures is a continuing effort.

Import of Crude Oil from Saudi Arabia

6783. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to import crude oil from Saudi Arabia in 1992-93;

(b) if so, the details including terms and conditions thereof;

(c) whether some officials of the Indian Oil Corporation had visited Saudi Arabia recently in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d). During the first week of March, 1992, a delegation had visited Saudi Arabia to finalise the supplies of crude oil for the year 1992-93. Saudi Aramco have agreed to supply 5 MMT of crude oil to Indian Oil Corporation during 1992-93.

[Translation]

Post-Matric Scholarships for Backward Classes Students

6784. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to provide post-metric scholarship to students of backward classes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b). One of the objection of the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation incorporated under Station 25 of the Companies Act, 1956, as a Company not for profit, is to extend loans to the backward classes for pursuing general/professional/technical education or training at graduate and higher levees.

Voluntary Academic Institutions/ Organisation on External Affairs

6785. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of registered voluntary academic institutions/organisations which are involved in the study and research work relating to India's external affairs and international relations;

(b) whether the Government provide annual or any kind of grant to such institutions/ organisations, and

(c) if so, the details thereof, institution/ organisation-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) A Statement is attached detailing the institutions/ organisations receiving financial assistance from the Ministry of External Affairs.